

Synopsis on each Black Hawk War Veteran  
in 12 Man Picture:

Back Row L to R:

John Crook: 1831- of Eng. Early Historian & farmer  
of Heber Utah & Timpanogas Valley. Black Hawk War Vet.  
See "HBUM" pp 14, 319-320, and "Under Wasatch Skies",  
p 147.

William McDonald: 1834-1921 <sup>of Ireland.</sup> First Wasatch Co.  
Treasurer, farmer, stock raiser, & Vet. of Walker & Black  
Hawk War. <sup>See Echo War.</sup> See "HBUM", p 421 & "Under Wasatch Skies",  
p 150 = my addition.

James B. Hamilton 1842- of Illinois. Farmer  
in Midway and Veteran of Black Hawk War. See "HBUM"  
p 656-7 and "Under Wasatch Skies" p 148 where it  
lists him as a member of the Joseph McCannel  
Cavalry Co. in Black Hawk campaign.

John Hamilton Jr 1834-1917 of Ireland. Blacksmith,  
farmer, teamster, Black Hawk War Veteran. See  
HBUM pp 869-871 and "Under Wasatch Skies", p. 147  
He was a major in the Battalion Staff in the Wasatch  
Co. Militia and 1st Wasatch Co, See "HBUM" p 25

James Price 1837-1914 of England. Farmer, Butcher,  
and Veteran of Black Hawk War. See "HBUM", p. 1034

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Middle Row L to R:

Noah Mayson † 16 July 1849 in Bolton Lanc., Engl † 16 Aug 1916  
Black Hawk War Vet

Sidney Hyrum Epperson: 1832-1913 of Indiana. Pioneer, Presiding Elder of the Upper Settlement in upper Snake Creek, surveyor, Presided over Midway Ward till 1870, Outpost body guard of Brigham Young, Capt of Provo Cavalry, Comissioned Major of U.S. Government of Indian War Veterans, & Major in Wasatch Co. Militia & Black Hawk War Veteran. See "HBUM," pp 648-649, and "UWS" p. 147

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George <sup>Thos</sup> Giles: 1846-1840 of <sup>Lincolnshire</sup> England. <sup>Farmer</sup> ~~Blacksmith~~  
See "HBUM," p 365 & "UWS," p 147

John Murray Murdoch: 1821- of Scotland. Professional Shepherd of sheep, pioneer, first recorder of Wasatch Co., Patriarch of wasatch Stake, Capt. in Black Hawk War. See "HBUM," pp 444-446, and "UWS," p 150.

James Wheeler Provost: 1843-1925 of New Jersey. True pioneer, and logger for the John Watkins sawmill in Midway, & Veteran of Black Hawk War. See "HBUM," p 669 & "Under wasatch skies," p 148.

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Front Row - L to R:

Nymphus Coridon Murdock 1833-1917 of New York.  
Pioneer of 1840 in Eldridge Co, storekeeper in  
Charleston, Bishop in Charleston Utah, creamery oper-  
ator, missionary to Eastern States, member Utah State  
Legislature, minute man, Vet. of Black Hawk War.  
See "HBM," p 1029-1031, and "UWS," p 147

James Dock Shanks 1833- of Scotland.  
Pioneer of 1853 in Jacob Gates Co, farmer, gardner  
of flowers & vegetables, fife player in local  
marshal band, home missionary, Supt of River-  
dale SS. See "HBM," pp 477-8 & "UWS," p 149.  
Vet. of Black Hawk War & fife major in the Thomas  
Todd Infantry Co.

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## JOHN CROOK



John Crook was born October 11, 1831, in Trenton, Lancashire, England. He married Mary Giles, September 6, 1856. John died March 31, 1921, at the age of 89, one of the stalwart builders of the valley.

John Crook, together with Robert Holden, were baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the spring of 1847. John was baptized by Uncle Peter



JOHN CROOK  
Original Settler and Early Historian

Mayho in the Brook of Hallith Wood. On January 1, 1851, he left Old England for America, arriving in Salt Lake City August 15, 1856. In his diary he relates many interesting incidents of the trip to America, the good times and the hard times. He was an ice peddler when he decided to come to Utah with the Giles family (William Giles). Mary, a member of the Giles family, later became his wife. They came to Utah in the E. B. Tripps company. He married Mary Giles September 6, 1856, in Provo City. In June, 1859, the west half of Heber was laid off in city lots, and in July he moved camp to that city and commenced hauling logs and building a house. When Wasatch Stake was organized, July 5, 1877, and Heber was divided into East and West Wards, John Crook was chosen first counselor to Bishop William Forman of the Heber West Ward. He was especially interested in music, genealogy and history, and was considered one of Wasatch County's best historians. He was the first choir leader in Heber. His vocation was farming and stock raising, and he was the owner of the first red sandstone quarries in this area.

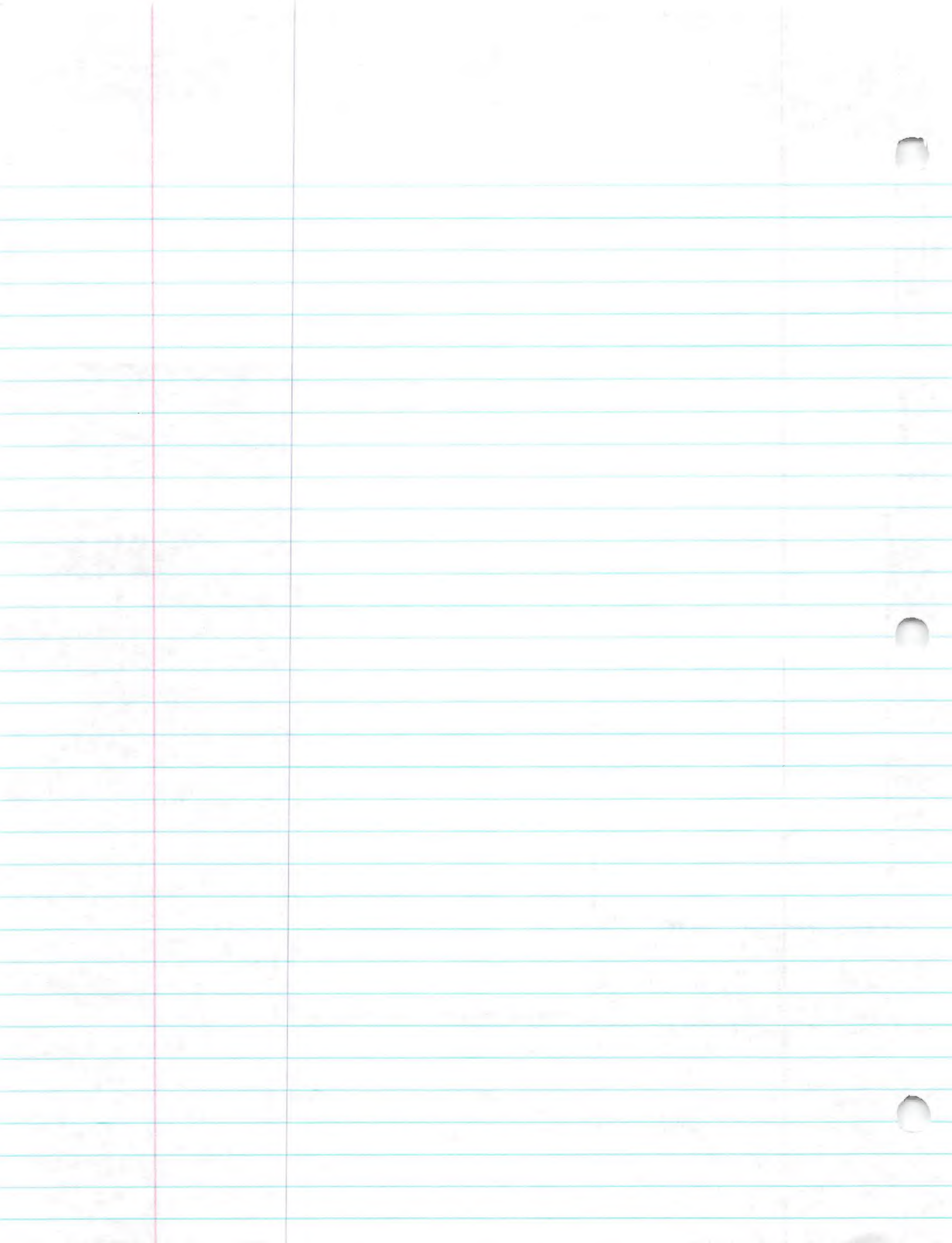
Mary Giles Crook was born April 13, 1833, in Calvertson, Nottinghamshire, England, to William Giles and Sarah Huskinson. She died September 5, 1888.

Mary Giles Crook was married about a month after their arrival in Utah. She and John Crook were married by Bishop Jonathan O. Duke, Sr. Their first home was a covered wagon box, their next home was a two-room adobe house. The winters of '56 and '57 were very severe and the snow was very deep. Her husband, John, hauled willows from the river bottoms for firewood. Sometimes while working he would sink up to his armpits in the snow. In the fall of 1856, wheat was scarce and flour was \$6 per hundredweight. She, like many other pioneer women, had to grind the wheat by hand in the little coffee mill. In November of '59 a baby girl came to the home of John and Mary Crook. They named her Sarah Elizabeth. This was the second child born in the valley. The home was built in the fort, thus protecting them from the Indians. After leaving the fort they built a three-room log house, later a red sandstone home, which is still standing and is occupied by a granddaughter, Mabel

Crook Lyon. The sandstone was from John's quarry, five miles east of town. At the time of the diphtheria epidemic she went into the homes and helped care for the sick and dying. She acted as a counselor in the Relief Society to President Katie Forman.

Children: John William, Mrs. John Carlile (Sarah Elizabeth), Heber Giles, George and Franklin (both died in infancy), Mrs. Jonathan O. Duke (Mary Jane), Thomas Huskinson, Frederick, and Mrs. Joseph Callister (Margaret Ann).







## WILLIAM McDONALD

William McDonald was born on November 16, 1834, in Crawford Burns, County Down, Ireland. He was the son of James and Sarah Ferguson McDonald. When a young man he came to the United States with his parents, who were Mormon converts. They lived in Nauvoo and Bonepart, Iowa, until they acquired three yoke of oxen, two wagons, two cows and a pony. In the spring of 1850 they began the long journey to Zion. James, the father, died of cholera and was buried without a casket on the banks of the Platte River. The family first settled in Springville, moving to Heber City in 1862.

William was the fourth child of the family being 16 when they came to Utah. He

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married Seriah Jane Shirts on December 10, 1853, who was from Cedar City. They were the parents of 20 children, as follows:

Jane, Sarah Ann, William, Margret Seriah, James, Mary, Eliza Ann, George, Olive, Nancy, Rhoda Frances, Joseph, Lucy and Robert (twins), Fannie Levina, Ermina, Alma, John, Lenora and Allilea.

William McDonald was a High Priest and worked on the Nauvoo Temple before coming to Utah. He became the first county treasurer of Wasatch County, selectman same county. He was a scout in the Echo Canyon campaign, a veteran of the Walker and Black Hawk Indian Wars, a farmer and a stock raiser. On November 3, 1865, he married Ann Elizabeth Shirts, who was a sister to his first wife. There were 12 children, namely:

Hyrum, Seriah Jane, Margaret Ann, Henry Carlos, Susan Sophia, Elizabeth, Joseph William, Elva Loretta, Clara L., Edward, Daniel Lewis and Maudia May.

William McDonald died November 2, 1921, and is buried in Provo Cemetery.

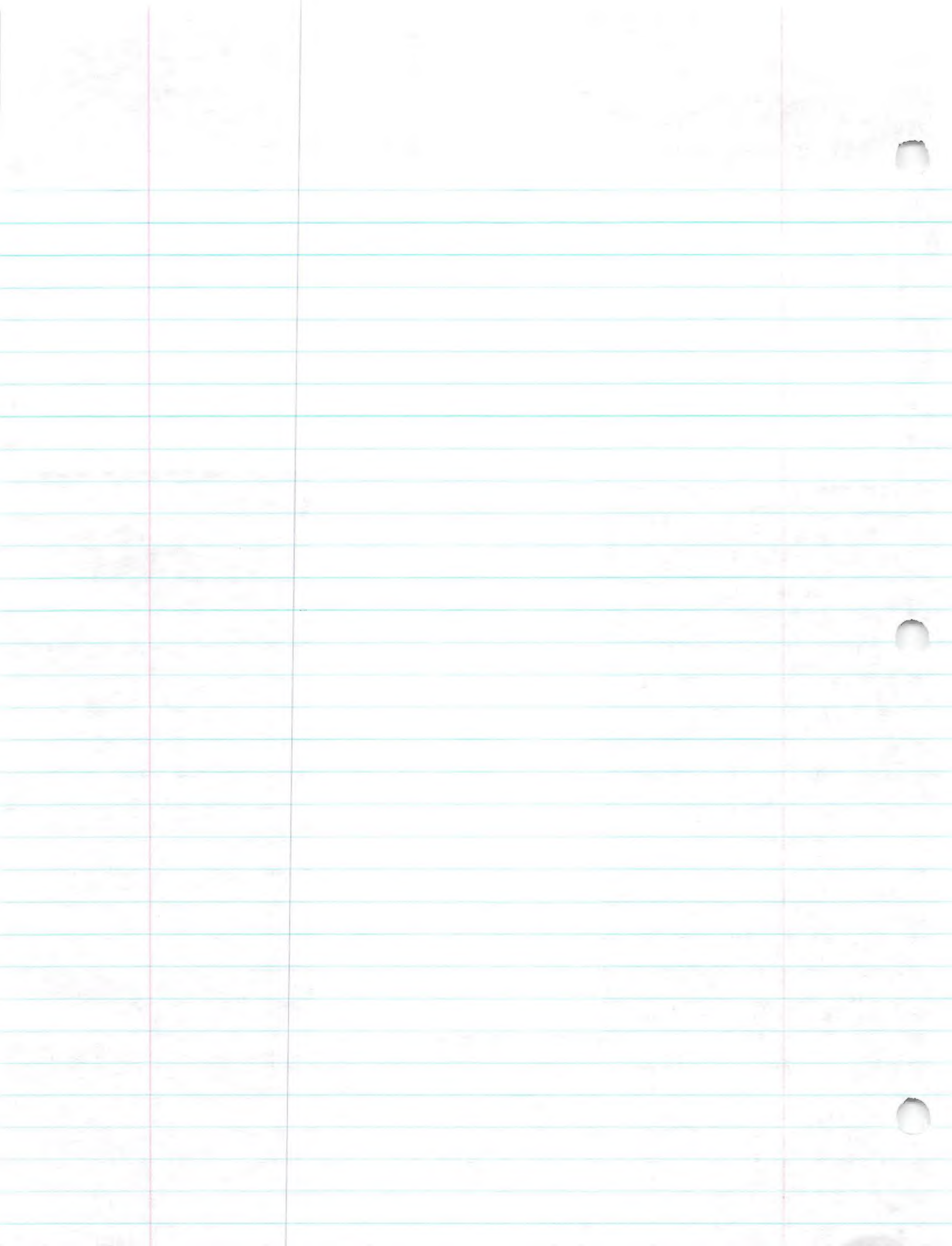
## SERIAH SHIRTS

Seriah Shirts was born December 27, 1838, in St. Louis, Missouri. Her parents

were Peter Shirts and Margret Cameron Shirts. She came to Utah in 1853 and her family settled in Cedar City. She married William McDonald on December 10, 1853, and became the mother of 20 children. She died April 20, 1919, being buried in Heber City Cemetery.

## ELIZABETH ANN SHIRTS

Elizabeth Ann Shirts was born July 15, 1849, in St. Louis, Missouri. Her parents were Peter Shirts and Margret Cameron. She came to Utah in 1853, and her family settled in Cedar City. She married William McDonald November 3, 1865, and became the mother of 12 children. She was buried in Provo Cemetery.



## JAMES B. HAMILTON MARTHA JANE SHELTON HAMILTON

James B. Hamilton, son of Andrew Hamilton and Ella Wilson. Born November 2, 1842, Hancock County, Illinois. Married Martha Jane Shelton December 17, 1865. Mound City, (later Midway) Utah. Died August 13, 1914, Midway.

Martha Jane Shelton, daughter of Stephen Shelton and Abigail Harris. Born January 22, 1844, at Nauvoo, Hancock County, Illinois. Died March 16, 1927, Midway.

James came to Utah from Nauvoo with his parents and later assisted in bringing immigrant companies to Utah during 1847.

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He was a veteran of the Black Hawk Indian War, was a member of the 66th Quorum of Seventy and a faithful ward teacher throughout his life. He spent his life in farming in Midway.

Martha Jane came with her parents in 1848 to Utah and settled in Provo. She endured the rugged pioneer life, and was left fatherless at the age of five. As soon as she was able she left home and worked for a family for her room, board and clothing. At the age of 17 she came to Provo Valley in the company of Catherine Stewart and John Faucett, her brother-in-law. She lived in the Upper Settlement and enjoyed the many dances, sleighrides and amusements of the day.

In 1865 she met and married James B. Hamilton and spent her life rearing a family and helping in her husband's farming activities.

She was active in the Church throughout her life, serving more than 50 years as a Relief Society teacher. She spent much time visiting the poor and needy, and throughout her life bore strong testimony of the Gospel of Joseph Smith, the Prophet.

Children of James and Martha Jane were:

Mrs. Levi (Ella) Snyder

Mrs. Joseph (Nancy Jane) Nielson

James married Elizabeth Kummer

Mrs. Kimball (Louisa) Snyder

Mrs. William (Margaret) Campbell  
William

Mrs. Theophilis (Mary) Chambers

Theodore Hyrum married Myrtle White

David married Della Van Wagoner

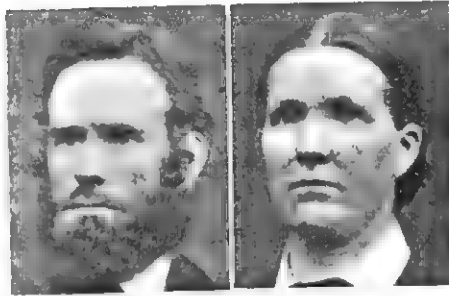
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## JOHN JR. AND MARY McDONALD HAMILTON FATHER



John Hamilton, Sr. was born in Saintsfield County of Down, Ireland, July 12, 1807, a son of Abel Hamilton and Mary Jamison. Married Mary Creighton, daughter of John and Myra Creighton on May 22 1827.

### SON, JOHN JR.

John Hamilton Jr. was born August 6, 1834, at Hillsborough County of Down, Ireland a son of John and Mary Creighton Hamilton. Married Mary McDonald, October 1, 1854. She was born October 4, 1838, at Craford's Burn, County of Down, Ireland, a daughter of James and Sarah Ferguson McDonald. Mary died at Buysville (Daniel) December 3, 1899. John married Janet (Jennett) Cochran, May 15, 1901. She died February 7, 1912, at Waterloo, Mont. John died April 9, 1917, at Heber.

Life History of John Jr. and Mary McDonald Hamilton

John Hamilton Sr. was raised in Hillsborough, County of Down and learned the blacksmith's trade with his father.

He and wife had three sons, William, Samuel and John Jr.

John Sr. and Mary Creighton had been brought up strictly in the Church of England and thought it was the true church until they heard Elder Theodore Curtis teach. They were baptized in November 1840.

John Sr., and Mary C. with their sons,

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Blacksmith shop. The rest of the family went to Parowan, the following fall.

July 24, 1853, the Walker War broke out and John Jr. served through the entire war. "We were ordered into Cedar from where we lived on Shirts Creek or what is now Hamilton Fort. We had to gather our crops by working all day and standing guard every other night, until the war which lasted two years, ended."

When but a little more than five years old, his wife, Mary McDonald, and brothers

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, who was born October 1867, they obtained her in exchange for horse.

In 1870 John had a contract to haul the U.S. mail from Cedar City to St. George twice a week, later three times a week until 1874. He built a large brick house and devoted his time to farming and teaming.

In 1891 they returned to Heber where John bought a farm at Buysville where they resided until Mary died December 3, 1899. In 1892, John was ordained a High Priest by Apostle Francis M. Lyman. Same year

### DANIEL BIOGRAPHIES

was made first counselor to William McGee, presiding elder. Later he was set apart as ward clerk by F. M. Lyman.

John visited a son at Hamilton Fort and Idaho, returning to Heber in 1901. He visited around with his children in Utah, Idaho and Montana and then came to spend his last days with his daughter Mrs. George (Sarah) McDonald at Heber.

Funeral services for John were held in the Second Ward. The Indian War veterans attended the services in a body, carrying the flag. Counselor Crook took charge of the service. The Second Ward choir rendered musical selections. J. C. McDonald gave the opening prayer. R. S. Duke, J. R. Murdock, E. D. Clyde and Bishop Joseph Rasband eulogized their dead friend. Closing prayer was by Henry L. McMullin.

At Daniel, John had a small store at his residence which stood on an acre on the T. H. Jones farm, just over the fence east of the John P. Anderson farm. His first place was on what is the Oaks farm. He also brought molasses from the Utah's Dixie to sell.

Mary and John were the parents of twelve children:

John Creighton, James McDonald, Abel Samuel, Mary Lovina Jane, Margaret Francis, Emma Elizabeth, Rachel Jamerson, Joseph Layson, Anna Mennorow, Indian girl.





## JAMES AND ANN POWELL PRICE



James Price was born May 17, 1837, at Ludlow, Staffordshire, England, son of James William and Ann Danks Price. He married Ann Powell on March 28, 1857, in England. She was born on June 2, 1840, at Bromwich, Staffordshire, England, daughter of George and Maria Mousley Powell. James died October 16, 1914. Ann died July 20, 1917.

In May, 1864, James and Ann Price along with the George Powell and Edward Payne families sailed on board the ship General McClellan for America from England. After a successful crossing these families joined the Joseph Rawlins immigrant train and proceeded to cross the plains to come to Utah.

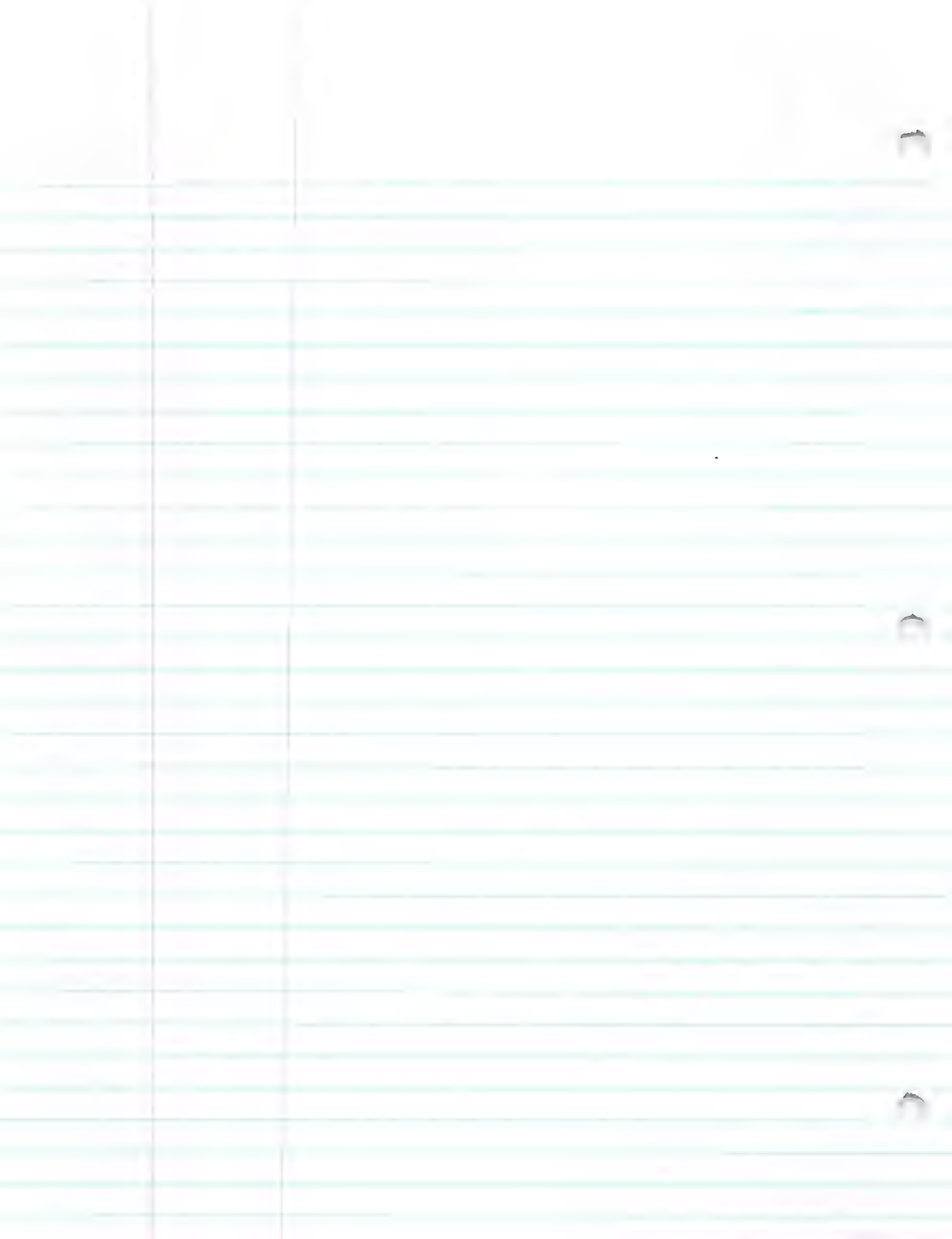
They arrived in Utah in the fall of 1864 and proceeded on to Heber where they lived for a short time then settled in Charleston where they spent the rest of their lives.

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They engaged in farming and James also did butchering of pork and beef.

They were parents of 13 children: Ann George, James William, Maria Rawlins, Sarah Jane, John Heber, Emma, Charles Edward, Rachel Mary, Margaret, Lottie Rozine, May Bell. 1034



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CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_

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THE SAME PERSON AS NO. \_\_\_\_\_

ON CHART NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Noah Mayoh  
~~Peter(E) Mayoh~~  
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WHERE Bolton-Lai  
WHEN MARRIED 2 Oct  
DIED 10 Aug 1916  
WHERE Heber

2 Peter Joseph Mayoh  
BORN 9 Dec 1880  
WHERE Heber-Utah  
WHEN MARRIED 15 Sept. 1909  
DIED 19 June 1956  
WHERE Heber-Utah

5 Mary Hanna  
BORN 22 Mar 1  
WHERE Bolton L.  
DIED 2 July 1933  
WHERE Heber

Lee Noah Mayoh  
BORN 26 Nov. 1916  
WHERE Heber, Utah  
WHEN MARRIED 7 June 1939  
DIED  
WHERE  
Leah Ball  
NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE

6 Samuel Lee  
BORN 13 Oct 1850  
WHERE Nottingham  
WHEN MARRIED 8 Jan  
DIED 20 Dec 1929  
WHERE Heber-Utah

3 Sarah Ellen Lee  
BORN 28 Dec 1890  
WHERE Heber  
DIED 1913  
WHERE

7 Melisa Anns  
BORN 18 July 18  
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DIED 6 Nov 1895  
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# SIDNEY HYRUM AND MARY JANE ROBEY EPPERSON



## BEAUTIFUL UPON THE MOUNTAINS

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Sidney Hyrum Epperson was born December 31, 1832 in Montgomery County, Indiana, a son of Elias and Nancy Lunice Dalton Epperson. He married Mary Jane Robey in 1853. Died June 1, 1913 in Midway.

Mary Jane Robey Epperson was born April 28, 1836 in Harrison County, West Virginia, a daughter of Jeremiah and Ruth Tucker Robey. She died May 15, 1915 in Midway.

In 1837 the Epperson family moved to Lipton, Iowa, where they settled on a quarter section making a new home.

In 1852 they had the urge to move further west. They purchased a farm on Honey Creek which was then being rapidly populated by the Latter-day Saints who were preparing for their exodus west to follow the main company who had earlier preceded them.

It was in Council Bluffs, Iowa where the Eppersons first heard the true Gospel of Jesus Christ. Some of them became converts and had a desire to go to the Rocky Mountains with migrating saints, among them Sidney H. Epperson, his sister, Martha, and her husband, Henry Busenbark. They made the trek across the plains with Captain Wood's Company. They arrived in Salt Lake where they stayed but a short time, then moved on to Provo where they settled for a few years.

In 1853 Sidney H. Epperson married Mary Jane Robey, a beautiful girl from "Old Virginny" whom he met while crossing the plains. They had a family of 13 children.

His early life had prepared him for rugged pioneer life which he experienced as he built his home in Provo. Some years the crops were good, other times they were destroyed by grasshoppers and crickets. Their greatest trouble was the Indians who stole their cattle and mules and pillaged their farms. They were undaunted in their faith and courage.

Sidney became a member of the Utah Militia and was appointed Captain of the Provo Cavalry and was later commissioned Major of the U.S. Government, of Indian War Veterans. He was an outpost body guard of Brigham Young.

In April of 1859 he decided to move north with a group of other families, Jeremiah Robey, Mark Smith, David Wood and Jesse McCarrol. They settled on the west bank of a stream called Snake Creek by a cotton

a most devoted mother to her children, always willing to do and sacrifice for their fort. She died after a brief illness, and mourned as a loving mother, a kind and a good neighbor. She was always faithful and true to the Gospel of Christ, and died as she had lived, a Latter-day Saint.

Children of Sidney and Mary Jane Epperson were:

Sidney Theophilus married Eliza Van Genen

Charles Alonzo married Elizabeth B. Cole

Mary Laverna Epperson married Dean rest later John Baum

Jeremiah Albert, single

Lipton Elias married Mary Jane Bonner

Viola Delphina married Adelbert Alexan-

Robert Ross married Bertha Drew Spring-

William Henry married Katherine Bunnell

Simon Shelby married Lydia Melissa

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Daniel David, single

Luth Lenica married William Mathews,

James McNaughton

Frank Sherman married Ada Mohlman,

Laverna Horrocks

Elmer Drew married Maud Barker, later

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Geo Giles

<sup>oo</sup>  
Mary Greenwood

Blacksmith

Log shop at 3 N Main

\* 19 May 1823

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In September 1848, Presidents Young and Kimball brought into the valley of the Great Salt Lake two large companies of Saints from Winter Quarters, making the number of souls in the colony about 5,000. It was now time to put into effect President Young's plan of colonization. In March, 1849, John S. Higbee, who had accompanied Parley P. Pratt on his tour of exploration, was called by President Young to form a settlement on Provo River in Utah Valley, and some thirty families, numbering nearly 150 souls, set out under Higbee to found Provo City.

The settlers took with them provisions, seed, implements, and livestock, the last named consisting of a few horses, but mostly oxen and cows. After three days' travel, they arrived at Provo River about March 12, 1849. Three miles from the place where they later built their fort, they were met by the Timpanogogs the whites into the Indian country. The colonists were ordered to stop and were not allowed to advance further until they had entered into a treaty with the Indians. Dimick B.

1. The following are the names of the first settlers of Provo:

John S., Isaac, Charlotte, Hannah Joseph, Emma, Mervin, and Sophia Higbee; John D. Carter; George Day; John, Martha, Merrill, Thomas, Margaret, Wesley, Samuel, John, Luca A., and Joseph Wheeler; John, Julia A., John, and Elizabeth Blackburn; Dimick B., Lot, Clark, and Clara Huntington; Samuel, William H., Adeline N., John I., Samuel, Jr., and Anderson S. Ewing; James R., Eliza M., William F., John J., Polly Ann, Elizabeth C., Joseph O., Eliza, Isaac T., Benjamin M., Hyrum S., Richard A., Elizabeth, and Lucenda M. Ivie; William A., Sarah and

SUNSET ON UTAH LAKE



# JOHN MURRAY MURDOCH AND HIS WIVES, ANN STEELE AND ISABELLA CROWFORD

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John Murray Murdoch was born December 28, 1821, in Gaswater Ayrshire, Scotland, son of James and Mary Murray Murdoch. When he was 10 years old his father lost his life when he entered a gas-filled mine to rescue a fellow worker, thus leaving the mother with seven children to support. At an early age, John went to work as a shepherd boy, roaming the purple heathery hills of his homeland.

He met Ann Steele, a Scotch lassie living at Kirkconnell, a nearby village. A pleasant courtship ensued and they were married February 24, 1848. Shortly after their marriage, James Steele, a brother of



Ann's, came to visit them and told of a new religion he had joined while in England known as The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. His testimony impressed them so much that two years later, when the two Mormon missionaries came to their home, they were soon converted and were baptized November 29, 1850. After embracing this strange new religion, their kinfolk and friends turned against them and they longed to emigrate to Zion.

Brigham Young had asked Franklin D. Richards to send two Scotch shepherds to Utah. He contacted John, and shortly after, John, with his wife and two children, set sail on the ship "Kennebec." The ship sailed from Liverpool, England, January 1, 1852. They always felt it was through the hand of Providence that this opportunity to get to Utah came to them.

After a dangerous voyage of nine weeks, they arrived in New Orleans. There they chartered a steamboat up the Mississippi River. A 10-day delay on a sandbar decreased their food rations to a dangerously low level, and their two sweet children, because of undernourishment, were taken very ill and died. A month later this weary, childless couple were blessed with a baby girl. When the baby was but 10 days old they began their trek across the plains.

Many weeks of hardships and trials brought them to the promised valley. They came with the Abraham Smoot company, Brigham Young and others, accompanied by Pitt's Brass Band, gave the weary travelers a hearty welcome. Permission was granted them to stay in the fort until a cabin could be built.

With undaunted faith and courage, this young couple gradually gathered a little around them. After living in Salt Lake Valley for eight years they loaded all their possessions into a wagon pulled by teams and, with their four little daughters, moved to upper Provo Valley, now known as Heber Valley. This was in the spring of 1860. They lived in the fort and their first home was a dugout. That fall, on November 7, another little girl came to bless their home.

It covers a long story to say that they did their part, and did it well in every enterprise in Wasatch County.

On August 8, 1862, John took as his plural wife a beautiful dark-eyed Scotch lass by the name of Isabella Crowford, a native of Blantyre, Scotland. As a young woman, she emigrated to America and worked in the cotton mills at Holyoke, Massachusetts, to get money to come to Utah. She, too, had left her loved ones and her all for the Gospel's sake. She never saw or heard of her family again after being driven from her home when she joined the Church.

Isabella proved to be a kind and faithful wife and was the mother of seven children. Ann was the mother of 15 children, making a family of 22. Fifteen grew to maturity in this valley. One member of this family, James C. Murdoch, who observed his ninetieth birthday February 11, 1959, and his faithful wife, Sarah Giles, are still with us, beloved and respected pioneers of our valley.

John M. Murdoch was the first recorder of Wasatch County. He was second counselor to William Wall, the first presiding Elder of the valley. He was captain in the Blackhawk War, president of the High Priests' Quorum, and in 1899 was ordained a Patriarch of Wasatch Stake. He was noted for his kind, comforting words and actions to those in need. He lived long and well, and at the age of 90 passed away

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beloved and honored. Each of his wives lived to be 80 years of age and, like their honored husband, was loved by everyone.





# JAMES WHEELER AND CLARA ESTELLE LOVE PROVOST



James Wheeler was born October 14, 1843, at Pompton, Passaic County, New Jersey. Son of Luke and Julia Ann Wheeler Provost. Married Clara Estelle Love, no marriage data known. Endowments, May 1875. Died October 25, 1925, Salt Lake City.

Clara Estelle Love Provost, born May 2, 1852, Berry, Illinois, daughter of Charles Henry and Eliza M. James Love. Died May 5, 1921, Midway.

James Wheeler Provost was a true pioneer. When his father died suddenly, he assumed the head of the household. He helped build up the town of Midway. He was one of the first loggers at the John Watkins sawmill built on mill flat. He helped support his widowed mother and her family. They were also among the first settlers of the town of Midway.

Jim and Clara were most devoted to each other. They were always together whenever they left home.

Clara was president of the Primary from 1881 to 1882. Before then she was counselor to Cynthia J. Wooton.

Jim was an active veteran of the Black Hawk Indian War. He was very good to his mother, brothers and sisters. He was a good neighbor and friend, being called into homes in times of sickness and death. He was willing to help anyone in need.

Children of James and Clara were:

Charles Henry Provost  
Clara Estelle Provost  
William Green Provost  
Julia Ann Provost  
Wesley Dean Provost

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Francis David Provost  
Nellie Irine Provost  
Alice Melvinia Provost  
Eliza Miranda Provost  
Lavern Grave Provost.



## NYMPHAS CORIDON MURDOCK

Nymphas Coridon Murdock was born May 12, 1833 at Madison County, New York. His mother was Sally Stacy, the second wife of Joseph Murdock. He married Sarah Malissa Barney, October 13, 1855, in the old Endowment House. She was a daughter of Royal and Sarah B. E. Barney. Married Esther Mariah Davies, December 6, 1857 in the old Endowment House. She was a daughter of Franklin Judson Davies and Ann Richmond. Also married Elizabeth Green. Nymphus died in 1917 at his home.

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## HOW BEAUTIFUL UPON THE MOUNTAINS



Sarah Melissa died May 21, 1911 at Heber City. Esther Mariah died November 12, 1909.

He ate many meals in the Prophet Joseph Smith's home.

In Nauvoo, his father Joseph died, but his mother Sally promised she would bring her son to the valley with the saints. He came with others in 1846 to the banks of the Missouri river. He drove a yoke of oxen, one of which was a cow, with the Ira Eldridge Company, bringing sheep and flax seed and many things to help. They left Winter Quarters for the great western desert and reached Salt Lake City September 22, 1847.

Brigham Young allotted them ground where the Newhouse Hotel now stands. Here they built a two-story adobe home, with a garden plot where Liberty Park now is. He assisted building adobe for the old fort wall. They were there when Johnston's Army came and homes were deserted. Also, they lost their crops when the crickets came. Here Nymphus married Sarah Malissa Barney in the old Endowment House. Later he married Esther Mariah Davies also in the old Endowment House. They lived for some time with Sally Stacy. Later ground was purchased in Charleston and two homes built there. At Charleston he had a store and was the first postmaster, also first owner in the first creamery. When stakes were made in 1877 he was made Bishop of Charleston and served for 14 years. He was kind and generous, also very thrifty and encouraged all to learn to work. They called him uncle Nif. He loaned many people money to bring their loved ones to America. In 1888 he and others went by team to the dedication of the Manti Temple. His daughter Ella and son Fredrick went too. He filled a mission to the Eastern States. He was a member of the Legislature of the State of

Utah. He was a member of the second company of militia known as the Minute Men, and continued service and took part in the Black Hawk War.

Nymphus Cordion Murdock and Sarah Malissa Barney had four children: Nymphus Coridon, Sarah Malissa, Joseph Royal, Betsey Emeline.

Nymphus Coridon Murdock and Esther Mariah Davies had nine children: Franklin Judson, Stanley, Eunice Louise, and Alfonso (twins), Alva Nymphas, Fredrick Agastu Ann Mariah, Ella Maria and Malissa.

## SARAH MELISSA B. MURDOCK

Sarah Melissa Barney Murdock was born March 30, 1832 at Lorain County, Ohio, daughter of Royal and Sarah B. E. Barney. Married to Nymphus C. Murdock, October 30, 1852. Died May 21, 1911 at Heber City.

Sarah Melissa Barney Murdock was the first wife of Patriarch Nymphus C. Murdock. She moved to Nauvoo in the early days and arrived in Salt Lake City in 1850 with the ox team company, having walked all the way across the plains. She was the mother of four children, two sons and two daughters. Three of the children died in the year 1863, leaving her with an only son, Joseph R. Murdock, who was president of the Wasatch Stake. She was a faithful member of the Church, and for a number of years was counselor and president of the Relief Society of the Charleston Ward.

## ESTHER MARIAH DAVIES MURDOCK



Esther Mariah Davies was born March 13, 1838 at Pickerington, Canada, daughter of Franklin Judson Davies and Ann Richmond. Married Nymphas Coridon Murdock

## CHARLESTON BIOGRAPHIES

December 6, 1857. Died November 12, 1909.

Esther Mariah Davies, was the second wife of Nymphas Coridon Murdock. When a child, her father owned a sugar bush. They made syrup and brown sugar.

They later came to Nauvoo. Her father taught school and was a wheelwright by trade. Brigham Young had him stay in Nauvoo to help make wheels and wagons. Her mother died on the way to Salt Lake.

In Salt Lake she later worked as a milliner. They always divided food with others and Brigham Young promised her father that neither they, nor their children's children should ever want for bread.

She married Nymphus Coridon Murdock in Salt Lake Endowment House December 6, 1857. They were allotted land by Brigham Young where the Newhouse Hotel stands. They built a two-story adobe home there.

She was the mother of nine children.

She always found time to help others. In the summer she and her children used to take the dairy cows up to the big spring in Deckers Canyon. She made wonderful butter and cheese. She was president of the Young Women's Mutual for some time. She and others often sat under the Dry Creek bridge patting their babies all night to keep them from crying for fear of Indians.

She was truly a noble mother and pioneer.





## JAMES D. SHANKS



James Dock Shanks was born November 29, 1833, at Paisley, Renfrewshire, Scotland. He came to Utah in September, 1853, crossing the plains with the Jacob Gates company, and settling in Salt Lake City. About the first job he obtained was helping build the wall around the temple block.

He was married December 21, 1855, to Isabella Muir, daughter of James and Mary Murray Muir, pioneers of 1853. Isabella was born August 15, 1837. Their children were Mary E. (Mrs. Gustave Waldberg), Isabella, James M., William, Marian (Mrs. William Doyle), Elizabeth (Mrs. William Fisher), John M., Margaret (Mrs. McEwan), Archibald (married to Lilly Duke), and George A.

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On March 10, 1875, he married Eva Erickson at Salt Lake City. She was the daughter of Eric Erickson and Fredericka Carlsson of Upland, Sweden, who came to Utah by railroad. Their children were Catrina Amelia, Joseph, Louise, Josephine, Hyrum, Evelyn and Fredericka.

In 1899 he married Carline Homan at Salt Lake City. She was an immigrant from Germany. They had no family.

Anyone who has the sweet memory of being awakened by the music of the martial band on state occasions and celebrations will remember Jimmy Shanks as the leader and fife player of the group. He also took part in the Blackhawk War and was a member of the Thomas Todd Infantry Company. He was for many years the only tailor in our community.

He built three homes in Heber City. The grounds of each home was landscaped and beautified with flowers and shrubbery. He was really what is called today a "green thumb." He experimented with flowers, trees and shrubs to discover the best suited to our climate.

When stake conference convened at the Stake House and when the Sacrament meeting for Heber was held Sunday afternoons there, it was with pride and pleasure he carried beautiful stately bouquets to place on either side of the pulpit, on the three tiers of the rostrum. These bouquets were made with care and exactness, starting with a row of pansies and building up with flox and sweet william that were interspersed with blades of beautiful ribbon grass. They seemed to fit in with the stately stand and building.

In later years he and his good wife, Carrie, continued taking flowers to beautify the Third Ward chapel that had recently been built and of which he was very proud. He was a sincere Latter-day Saint, a High Priest of this stake, a home missionary and at one time superintendent of the Sunday School at Riverdale.

